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President's message

The first 2 months as President of The Rotary Club of Renfrew have proved very busy. All my committee chairmen have been working away on events and activities that will enhance our reputation as one of the most active clubs in District 1230.

Please read through our newsletter and visit the website to keep bang up-to-date on past, present and future events. I want to put particular emphasis on 'visits to other clubs'. Friendship and fellowship go hand in hand with our charity work and I am keen to promote both local and international charities this year. Among these would be a new vegetable garden for Corsford School (Capability Scotland), a wishing well at Braehead and the main international charity being PolioPlus, as well as a project funding child education.

Martin Moir, President.

Important Dates:

Sportsman's Dinner
Thursday 2 October at
the Glynhill Hotel

Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday 29 November
at the Glynhill Hotel

West Side Story
Monday 24 November in
Glasgow

Falkirk Wheel - tbc.

Postponed -
Race Night at the Thorn Inn -
Johnstone until further notice

Rotary World Golf Challenge Sunday 22 June - Dundonald Links



Iain's eagle at the 5th

Four Renfrew Rotarian's, Iain, Mario, Peter and Bruce (taking the picture) took part in the district 1230 Golf Challenge at Dundonald Links. Unfortunately the original idea of attempting a world record number of golfers around a course in 24 hours had to be abandoned due to not enough participants but still 173 Rotarians took part. Despite some appalling weather conditions the team played well and were only just outside the prizes.

The highlight of the day though was Iain Balfour's magnificent eagle three at the 515 yard, par 5, 5th hole. After two good shots and a crisply hit 7 iron Iain had his team mates searching at the back of the green convinced that the ball had run through. After several minutes fruitless ball hunting Bruce had a look and found it nestling sweetly in the cup. Iain was receiving two shots on this long par five so he actually came away with a net ace at a hole over 500 yards long!

The intrepid team finally putted out at 22.10 hours, tired, wet but having enjoyed the experience, only to find all their fellow Rotarians had gone home and the club master about to turn the key in the door.



Mario digs Rotary out of a hole!

Speaker:
Sangeeta Chaal (Singh)



A final year medical student studying medicine in University of East Anglia Norwich. Sangeeta went for elective study in Cape Town, South Africa in June. It was such an amazing experience she would like to go back for a another month to further help her patients. Sangeeta shared her experience's with Renfrew Rotarians on the evening, telling us about the extreme poverty and sickness in South Africa. Sangeeta's come a long way from Moorpark Primary School and Renfrew High, she is believed to be the first student from these schools to graduate as a doctor. Father, Renfrew Rotarian, Paul Singh added "I'm a very proud father and please to see Sangeeta getting rewards for her hard work and dedication".

19 August 08
Catherine Stewart



We were proud to welcome District Governor Catherine Stewart to Renfrew Rotary. Catherine went into some detail about what she has planned for the coming year and I'm sure everyone at Renfrew wishes her well, read more on our website www.renfrew-rotary.org.uk.

A 'Paul Harris Fellowship Award' for John Ernest McCutcheon

Retired businessman, John (Ernie) McCutcheon has been a Rotarian for 18 years and has always been a very active member. He is our special events Chairman and no one could put any more effort into this task. Over the years he has arranged various outings to Theatre's in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Concerts in the Armadillo and cruising down the Clyde. Visits to Breweries was always very popular and has booked West Side story in the Autumn. There is also a trip to the Falkirk Wheel and New Lanark planned. He is always thinking ahead and no one deserves a Paul Harris Award than Ernie.



Presented by Stevie Callaghan, President, The Rotary Club of Renfrew 2007/8 (Left).

Rotact for Renfrew at Braehead
Monday 18 August



An initial meeting of interest took place at Braehead with 11 youngsters and a promise of several more keen to initiate a new Renfrew Rotact Club. They were supported by 5 Renfrew Rotarians lead by Youth & Young People Chairman Eddie Williams.

Doug Ross - School 4 All in Africa
Leonard Cheshire Disability

The project: Can you imagine your childhood without an education? A childhood without learning, without playing amongst friends... You see, an education is about so much more than learning to read and write - it's about socialisation; it's about getting a start in life. Yet 90% of disabled girls and boys in Africa are excluded from school. Excluded from a chance in life.... Every child should have the right to go to school. The chance to learn and play with other children, to learn basic skills and to fulfill their potential. Together we need to bring about the changes to make this happen but how do we fight the stigma surrounding disability? How do we put an end to this denial of basic rights? Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and Leonard Cheshire Disability are working together to overcome such barriers so that every child can go to school.



Attendance

66% in July - Could do better!